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to the

JUSTICES OF THE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT



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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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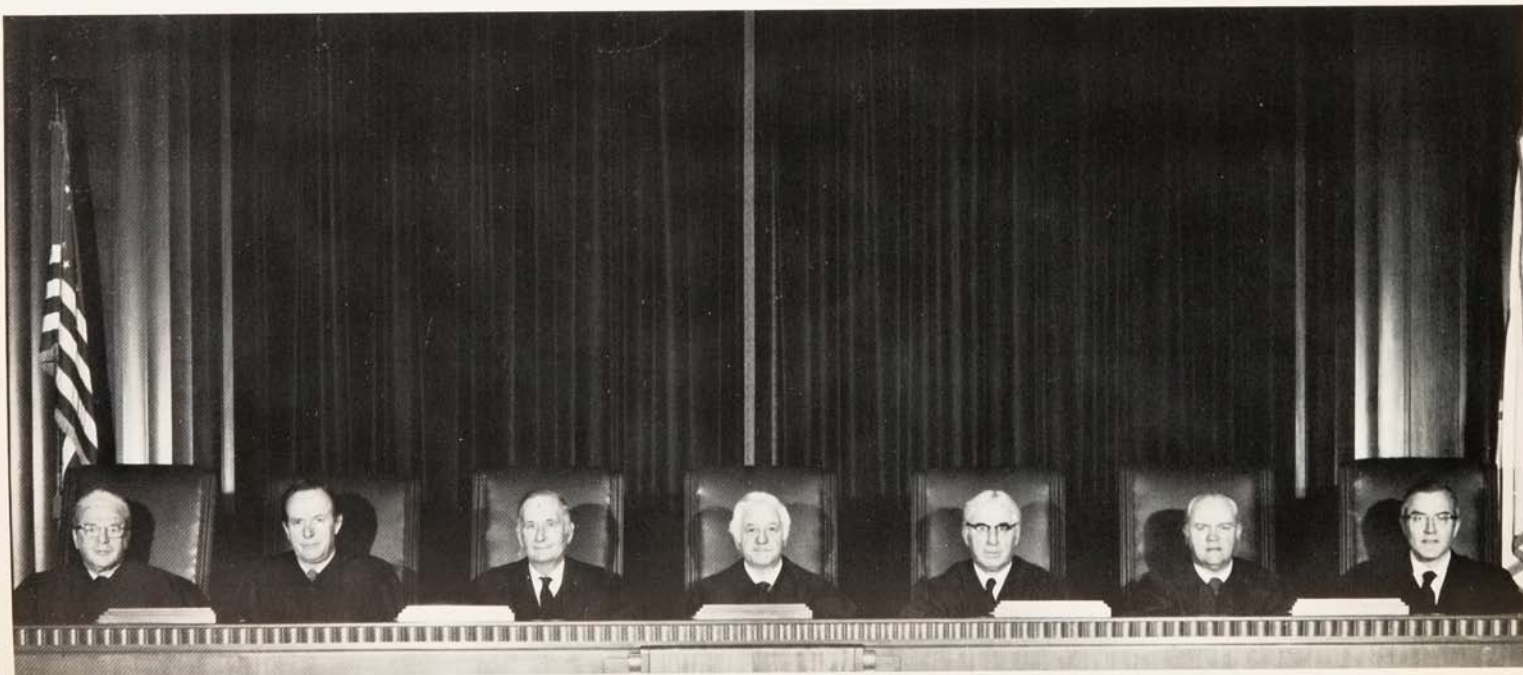
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INTRODUCTION

This Report, the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Executive Secretary, is written as of June 30, 1973 in order to comply with the requirement of such report stated in G.L. c. 211 section 3E. Much of the material contained in the narrative section of the Sixteenth Annual Report covers the same time period, and need not be repeated here. It is my hope that the Eighteenth Annual Report, for the court year ending June 30, 1974, will follow in short order.

It should be noted here that on January 1, 1974 Richard Gerould retired as Executive Secretary and stayed on at the request of the court until February 25, 1974, at which time John A. Fiske was appointed his successor.

THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

The following outline describes the organization of the courts of the Commonwealth as of June 30, 1973.

A. THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

The chief justice and six associate justices.

Final appellate jurisdiction in all cases except that direct appeals in most cases go to the Appeals Court with further review or transfer discretionary.

Original jurisdiction — mainly petitions for extraordinary writs and for relief under various statutes — single justice.

Advisory opinions at the request of either branch of the Legislature or the Governor or the Executive Council.

General superintendence of all courts of inferior jurisdiction.

Established by Massachusetts Constitution in 1780.

B. THE APPEALS COURT

The chief justice and five associate justices.

Appellate jurisdiction in most cases arising in the superior, land, and probate courts.

Established by statute in 1972.

C. THE SUPERIOR COURT

The chief justice and forty-five associate justices.
General trial jurisdiction, jury and non-jury.
Circuit system.
Established by statute in 1859.

D. THE PROBATE COURTS

The chief judge, twenty-three judges, one part-time judge, and one special judge.

Jurisdiction of probate of will, administration of estates, appointment of guardians and conservators, divorce and annulment of marriages, separate maintenance, adoption and change of name. Equity jurisdiction except as otherwise provided by statute. County system except judges subject to assignment by chief judge.

Established by statute in 1783.

E. THE DISTRICT COURTS

The chief justice, sixty-four full-time justices, seventeen part-time justices and eighty-one special justices. Non-jury, except sessions with jury of six in Pittsfield, New Bedford or Fall River, Salem or Haverhill, Springfield, Lowell, Framingham, East Cambridge, Dedham or Quincy, Brockton, and Worcester.

Five-judge appellate divisions — northern, southern and western districts.

Established by statute in 1893.

F. THE LAND COURT

The judge and two associate judges.

Jurisdiction in land titles, registrations and uses.

Established by statute in 1898.

G. THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

The chief justice, eight associate justices, and one special justice.

Established by statute in 1821.

H. THE HOUSING COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

A judge. Jurisdiction of housing code enforcement and various landlord and tenant cases.

Established by statute in 1971.

I. THE BOSTON JUVENILE COURT

The justice and two special justices.
Established by statute in 1906.

J. THE SPRINGFIELD JUVENILE COURT

A justice.
Established by statute in 1969.

K. THE WORCESTER JUVENILE COURT

A justice.
Established by statute in 1969.

L. THE BRISTOL COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

A justice.
Established by statute in 1972.

POPULATION

(by Counties)

(Thousands)

	<i>State</i> <i>1955</i>	<i>Federal</i> <i>1960</i>	<i>State</i> <i>1965</i>	<i>Federal</i> <i>1970</i>
1. Middlesex	1,115	1,239	1,280	1,397
2. Suffolk	820	791	706(-)	735
3. Worcester	574	583	610	638
4. Essex	544	569	609	638
5. Norfolk	448	510	560(+)	605
6. Hampden	389	429	435	459
7. Bristol	390	398	415	444
8. Plymouth	214	248	293(+)	333+
9. Berkshire	138	142	146	149
10. Hampshire	87	103	100	124+
11. Barnstable	53	70	74(+)	97+
12. Franklin	56	55	58	59
13. Dukes	6	6	6	6
14. Nantucket	4	4	4	4
	4,838	5,149	5,295	5,689

+ over 20% increase, 1960-1970

(+) over 20% increase, 1955-1965

(-) over 20% decrease, 1955-1965

DELAY IN COURT

"... [T]he cardinal fact about the disposition of cases in our courts is that only a fraction of the suits reach the trial stage, and it is only at this stage that they become a serious burden on the court. This is why the size of the backlog is so frequently a paper figure of limited significance. The numerical size of the backlog tells us little unless we also know the size of the court, the proportion of cases settled before assignment, *and the time it takes to dispose of assigned cases.*"

Delay in the Court, Zeisel, Kalven, and Buchholz, Little, Brown and Company 1959, p. 44, emphasis added.

The most pressing problem of Massachusetts court delay is found in the Superior Court and in the appeal process. The chart on pages 8 and 9 shows the age of each of the 44,374 jury cases awaiting trial in the Superior Court in all 14 counties on June 30, 1973, as compared to comparable figures for 1972. The information has been compiled by this office from reports submitted by the clerks of the Superior Court.

The 1973 Calendar Status Study of the Institute of Judicial Administration lists six (6) Massachusetts counties among the 20 courts in the United States showing the greatest delay in reaching personal injury jury cases for trial.

The 1973 schedule measures the number of months between service of answer and trial in the average case, as compared to 1963 and 1972.

	1963	1972	1973
Middlesex (Cambridge)	17.0	41.0	51.0
Norfolk (Dedham)	30.0	38.0	43.1
Suffolk (Boston)	36.0	39.0	43.0
Hampden (Springfield)	20.0	33.0	42.0
Essex (Lawrence)	38.0	35.0	36.0
Worcester	12.0	22.0	32.0

The study ranks these courts on a nationwide basis as second, seventh, eighth, ninth, fifteenth and seventeenth, respectively.

Reports to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court from the various clerks are summarized in the chart on page 10 to show the delay in months from the date of entry to the date of trial.

Although the figures may vary slightly, they show no encouraging pattern of improvement during the twelve months ending June 30, 1973. The number of days Superior Court judges sat during this period was affected by the retirement on January 4, 1973 of ten judges and five others during the year.

The number of days in the 1973 court year when a Superior Court judge sat in civil cases was 3,912 and in criminal cases was 4,433. The comparable figures for the 1972 period were 3,958 and 4,579 respectively.

The number of days in the 1973 court year when a district court judge sat in Superior Court motor tort cases under G.L.c.212 section 14B was 553, and the number of days when a district court judge sat in certain Superior Court criminal cases under the same statute was 884. The comparable figures for the 1972 period were 922 and 861 respectively.

The average number of days from the entry of appeals in the office of the clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court to consideration (argument or submission on briefs) and then to decision by the court also increased.

	<i>Average Days Entry to Consideration</i>	<i>Average Days Consideration to Decision</i>	<i>Average Days Entry to Decision</i>
1972	152.35	67.31	219.66
1973	163.79	81.66	245.45

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURTS

In the past ten years 343,396 law actions were entered in the Superior Court. During that period, 129,942 were remanded to the District Courts. As only 2,356 of these cases returned to the Superior Court for trial to verdict or findings after findings in the District Courts, the relief gained by the Superior Court by use of the remand is obvious. See the three charts on page 11.

The remand of cases from the superior court to the district courts and the Boston municipal court showed a decrease from 13,117 in 1972 to 9,808 in 1973. The remand limit under G.L.c.231, sec. 102C, remained at \$2,000.

		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	8
		<i>Jury Cases Triable at Issue & Awaiting Trial</i>	<i>Under 12 mos.</i>	<i>12 to 18 mos.</i>	<i>18 to 24 mos.</i>	<i>24 to 30 mos.</i>	<i>30 to 36 mos.</i>	<i>Over 36 mos.</i>	<i>Percent over 18 mos.</i>	<i>Cases over 18 mos.</i>	<i>Percent over 12 mos.</i>	
Barnstable	1972	521	234	85	72	70	29	31	39.0	202	55.0	
	1973	518	202	82	83	67	46	38	44.0	229	61.0	
Berkshire	1972	878	366	117	94	61	71	169	44.98	395	58.31	
	1973	873	275	90	134	72	62	240	58.19	508	68.49	
Bristol	1972	2,127	726	336	266	309	196	294	50.0	1,065	66.0	
	1973	1,838	719	324	319	192	111	173	43.0	795	61.0	
Dukes	1972	30	10	11	0	0	7	2	30.0	9	43.0	
	1973	45	17	10	5	4	9	0	40.0	18	62.0	
Essex	1972	4,549	1,529	688	685	530	451	666	50.8	2,332	66.4	
	1973	3,493	1,069	520	502	405	410	587	54.5	1,904	69.4	
Franklin	1972	288	115	53	43	22	26	29	45.1	130	60.0	
	1973	243	77	35	45	40	20	26	53.3	131	67.9	
Hampden	1972	4,186	1,816	581	522	157	224	886	43.0	1,789	57.0	
	1973	4,204	999	471	478	484	498	1,274	65.0	2,734	76.0	
Hampshire	1972	251	134	63	24	15	3	12	22.0	54	47.0	
	1973	273	135	41	38	29	14	16	35.5	97	50.5	
Middlesex	1972	12,825	4,815	1,380	1,375	1,292	1,126	2,837	51.69	6,630	62.45	
	1973	12,441	3,069	1,511	1,400	1,459	1,085	3,917	63.0	7,861	75.0	

Nantucket	1972	10	7	3	0	0	0	0	None	0	30.0
	1973	17	10	1	4	1	0	1	35.2	6	41.1
Norfolk	1972	4,199	1,434	667	534	400	323	841	49.0	2,098	66.0
	1973	3,972	1,234	508	382	366	319	1,163	56.0	2,230	69.0
Plymouth	1972	3,154	911	550	449	346	143	755	54.0	1,693	71.0
	1973	3,432	904	448	436	431	334	879	61.0	2,085	74.0
Suffolk	1972	10,880	4,117	1,472	1,284	865	874	2,268	49.0	5,291	62.0
	1973	10,094	3,033	1,240	1,366	609	681	3,165	57.0	5,821	69.0
Worcester	1972	2,830	1,382	349	306	256	192	345	38.0	1,099	51.0
	1973	2,931	1,567	423	273	248	150	270	30.0	941	47.0
TOTALS	1972	46,728	17,596	6,355	5,654	4,323	3,665	9,135	49.10	22,787	62.30
	1973	44,374	13,310	5,704	5,465	4,407	3,739	11,749	57.15	25,360	70.00
Increase 1973 over 1972		-2,354	-4,286	-651	-189	84	74	2,614	8.05	2,573	7.70

TIME-LAG IN MONTHS FROM DATE OF ENTRY TO TRIAL

*Counties in Which Sittings Are Continuous or
Practically so During the Court Season*

	1972	1973	+ or -
Bristol	43.1	38.2	- 4.9
Essex	36	38.5	+ 2.5
Hampden	42	40	- 2
Middlesex			
Cambridge	51	64	+ 13
Lowell	24	32	+ 8
Norfolk	43.13	39.11	- 4.02
Suffolk	43	43	
Worcester			
Worcester	32	33	+ 1
Fitchburg	14	30	+ 16

County in Which Sittings are Nearly Continuous

	1972	1973	+ or -
Plymouth	65.2	53.23	- 11.97

*Counties in Which Sittings Are Not Continuous
(Age of Most Recent Cases Reached in Normal
Course When Sittings Held.)*

	1972	1973	+ or -
Barnstable	33.5	40	+ 6.5
Berkshire	48.8	34.15	- 14.65
Franklin	34	32.8	- 1.20
Hampshire	16	18.5	+ 2.50

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Civil Cases Remanded

	<i>To District Courts</i>	<i>To Boston Municipal Court</i>	<i>Total</i>
1964.....	11,367	1,575	12,942
1965.....	11,326	1,730	13,056
1966.....	10,502	1,461	11,963
1967.....	12,585	1,733	14,318
1968.....	12,234	2,663	14,897
1969.....	10,986	3,823	14,809
1970.....	10,137	2,048	12,185
1971.....	10,818	2,029	12,847
1972.....	10,925	2,192	13,117
1973.....	8,152	1,656	9,808
	109,032	20,910	129,942

II.

*Superior Court Trials to Verdicts
or Findings After Findings Below*

	<i>Jury</i>	<i>Without Jury</i>	<i>Total</i>
1964.....	230	32	262
1965.....	215	31	246
1966.....	209	11	220
1967.....	259	37	296
1968.....	262	10	272
1969.....	248	21	269
1970.....	257	32	289
1971.....	214	21	235
1972.....	142	14	156
1973.....	102	9	111
	2,138	218	2,356

III.

Law Actions Entered
Superior Court*

1964.....	37,140
1965.....	39,523
1966.....	35,548
1967.....	34,730
1968.....	33,558
1969.....	34,381
1970.....	35,155
1971.....	36,453
1972.....	31,571
1973.....	25,337
Total	343,396

*(Includes removals)

To some extent the gain to the Superior Court through remand is lost by removal back to the Superior Court. In the court year ending on June 30, 1973, 6,982 cases travelled this shuttle from Superior to District (and Boston Municipal Court) back to Superior, as opposed to 9,556 in the 1972 period.

REMOVALS

1963	7,184
1964	9,197
1965	10,929
1966	8,604
1967	9,016
1968	9,419
1969	10,438
1970	11,228
1971	11,852
1972	9,556
1973	6,982

MASSACHUSETTS JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

During the court year ending June 30, 1973 the membership of the Judicial Conference did not change from the 1972 period. The members were:

Chief Justice G. Joseph Tauro, *Chairman*
 Justice Paul C. Reardon
 Justice Francis J. Quirico
 Justice Robert Braucher
 Justice Edward F. Hennessey
 Justice Benjamin Kaplan
 Justice Herbert P. Wilkins
 Chief Justice Allan M. Hale
 Chief Justice Walter H. McLaughlin
 Judge William I. Randall
 Chief Judge Alfred L. Podolski
 Chief Justice Jacob Lewiton
 Chief Justice Franklin N. Flaschner
 Justice John V. Spalding, retired
 Richard D. Gerould, *Secretary*

The committee structure of the conference continued to carry forward the work of the body. The committees were as follows:

Committee on Court Operations

Justice Paul C. Reardon, *Chairman*

Committee on Civil Procedure

Justice Francis J. Quirico, *Chairman*

Committee on Judicial Education

Justice Robert Braucher, *Chairman*

Committee on Criminal Procedure

Justice Edward F. Hennessey, *Chairman*

Committee on Legislation

Justice Benjamin Kaplan, *Chairman*

Committee on Court Facilities

Justice Herbert P. Wilkins, *Chairman*

The material contained at pages 14 and 15 of the narrative section of the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Executive Secretary describes the work of the Judicial Conference, which met on January 18, 1973. The work of the Conference during the 1974 court year ending June 30, 1974 will be described in the Eighteenth Annual Report.

MASSACHUSETTS RULES OF CIVIL AND APPELLATE PROCEDURE

On pages 15 through 17 of the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Executive Secretary is an account of some of the work during the 1973 court year leading to the promulgation on July 13, 1973 by the Supreme Judicial Court of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure to take effect on July 1, 1974. A fuller report on the rules and on the amendatory legislation passed as St. 1973 c. 1114 on November 30, 1973 will appear in the Eighteenth Annual Report covering the court year ending June 30, 1974.

MASSACHUSETTS RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

The work of the Judicial Conference Committee on Criminal Procedure and the Advisory Committee and their members is set forth at pp. 17 through 19 of the Sixteenth Annual Report. During the court year ending June 30, 1973 further progress was made.

CRIMINAL PRACTICE

The Sixteenth Annual Report describes at pp. 19 - 21 the membership and work of the Massachusetts Defenders Committee, established in 1960 under G. L. c. 211 section 34D. The pattern of increase in its caseload consistent through 1972 showed a decrease in 1973 which, together with state and federal funds, allowed the Committee to reduce the great number of cases assigned to each staff attorney, as the following table shows:

	<i>Number of new cases (individual defendants)</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Number of full-time lawyers</i>
1963.....	1,708	\$ 88,570	7
1968.....	18,218	789,488	58
1969.....	22,183	837,888	58
1970.....	27,880	966,832	65
1971.....	35,207	1,080,977	74
1972.....	39,969	1,162,553	75
1973.....	22,038	state 1,230,420	92
		federal 301,100	
		1973 Total \$1,531,520	

In 1967 under G. L. c. 258A, Massachusetts became the first state to establish a program to reimburse victims of violent crimes operated by the Attorney General and the District Courts, rather than by administrative agency. The statistics for the first five fiscal years were:

	<i>FY 69</i>	<i>FY 70</i>	<i>FY 71</i>	<i>FY 72</i>	<i>FY 73</i>
Claims Filed	55	129	138	251	274
No. of Hearings	9	33	41	92	61
No. of Denials	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	10	1
No. of Awards	9	33	41	82	60
Total Awards	\$4,498.58	\$60,885.76	\$45,974.04	\$97,296.10	\$119,874.10
Aver. Award	\$ 499.79	\$ 1,845.02	\$ 1,121.31	\$ 1,185.44	\$ 1,997.85
Total Awards Paid	1,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$57,000.00	\$150,000.00
FY End-Files					
Open	46	96	97	159	213
FY End-Awards					
Unpaid	\$3,498.58	\$30,885.76	\$11,859.80	\$52,156.00	\$ 22,030.10

Of the 847 claims filed from the inception of the program to the end of the Fiscal Year on June 30, 1973, there were about 575 claims filed with the aid of counsel.

CHANGES IN THE JUDICIARY

The names of the forty judges who were retired by reason of age on January 4, 1973 appear on pages 22 and 23 of the Sixteenth Annual Report. The names of their successors and a description of the Ad Hoc Committee on Judicial Selection which aided the process of filling the vacancies appears in the Sixteenth Annual Report at pages 46 (Superior Court), 48 (Land Court), 50 (Probate Courts), 51 (District Courts), 52 (Boston Municipal Court) and pages 23 through 25 (the selection process). The narrative is complete through June 30, 1973 and thus need not be elaborated upon in this report. Changes in the judiciary occurring in the court year ending on June 30, 1974 will appear in the next annual report.

JUDICIAL SALARIES

On June 15, 1973 by act of the legislature the salaries of all judges were increased 10% effective January 1, 1973 from their prior level, which had not been changed since January 1, 1969. As of June 30, 1973 the salary schedule of the judges was as follows:

Supreme Judicial Court	Chief Justice	\$38,500
	Associate Justice	37,180
Appeals Court	Chief Justice	35,750
	Associate Justice	34,430
Superior Court	Chief Justice	34,430
	Associate Justice	33,000
Land Court	Judge and	
	Associate Judges	33,000
Housing Court of the		
City of Boston	Judge	30,000
Probate Courts	Chief Judge	30,030
	Judge	28,930
	Judge (part-time)	10,340
District Courts	Chief Justice	28,930
	Justice	27,500
	Justice (part-time)	8,360-11,000
Municipal Court of the	Chief Justice	28,930
City of Boston	Associate Justice	27,500
Boston Juvenile Court	Justice	28,930
Springfield, Bristol		
County and Worcester		
Juvenile Court	Justice	24,200

COURT MANAGEMENT

House Document No. 2620, February 20, 1956, describes in detail the purposes for which Governor Christian Herter and the Judicial Survey Commission recommended the establishment of an Administrator of the Courts in Massachusetts. By c. 507 of the Acts of 1956 the legislature authorized the appointment of executive secretary to the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court for those purposes, with a staff of two and subsequently (1970) three assistants.

Through the Governor's Public Safety Committee this office has been able to obtain federal Safe Streets Act funds to increase the ability of the executive secretary to provide management services to the Massachusetts courts. The specific areas in which these efforts were directed in 1972 and 1973 are described at pages 27 through 30 of the Sixteenth Annual Report. Development of a Judicial Data Processing Center, judicial education, facilities studies, a coherent judicial approach to badly needed legislation and coordination of the administrative work in the offices of the respective chief justices are some of these areas where work was productive in 1973.

PHYSICAL FACILITIES

The inadequacy of many Massachusetts court buildings is considered by most people who work in them to be the single largest problem of the courts. Facilities for the Superior Court in some counties are pathetic and their shortcomings have been well documented by many, including Chief Justice McLaughlin.

The description of the status of each court and each county contained at pages 30 through 41 of the Sixteenth Annual Report is current through most of the reporting period of this report. The progress which has since taken place in the construction of such buildings as the Hampden County Courthouse, as well as the opening for business of the Middlesex County Courthouse in April of 1974, are appropriately covered in the Eighteenth Annual Report.

LIBRARIES

The Thorndike Library Corporation of the Supreme Judicial Court reviewed its holdings and its current needs upon a very thorough survey and report done by Daniel R. Coquillette, Esquire. Pursuant to the recommendations made by Mr. Coquillette an exchange

agreement was consummated with the Social Law Library whereby certain unused books and manuscripts were deposited or given to the Social Law Library in exchange for books and services necessary for the day to day needs of the judges and their law clerks. This transaction has substantially improved the utility of the Thorndike Library.

The Appeals Court judges required office libraries of basic materials essential to the performance of their duties. Some of these materials were donated by the West Publishing Company and the Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Company and other materials, especially sets of Massachusetts Reports, had to be purchased on the second-hand market. The staff of the Social Law Library assisted the Court in the procurement of these materials.

The Library Committee of the Superior Court has developed a minimum list of books which should be at hand within each court room and lobby. This Committee, chaired by Judge Alan J. Dimond, is attempting to have the recommended books purchased by the respective counties. Progress has been made in a few of the counties. The library in the Superior Court Judges' Lobby in Boston has been evaluated and is being updated with the assistance of the Social Law Library.

COMMENTS ON THE VARIOUS COURTS

The description of the work of each court at pages 41 through 53 of the preceding report is current through May of 1973. The statistics of the work of each court through June of 1973 appear in Appendix II of this report, with the exception of the Supreme Judicial Court for County of Suffolk (September 1, 1972 through September 1, 1973), the Appeals Court (calendar 1973), and the Probate Courts (calendar 1972).

It is hoped that through data processing and systems analysis the reporting schedule of the various courts can be made more timely and also consistent, in order to make possible compliance with the statutory requirements of G.L. c. 211 section 3E. Such improvements would provide the Supreme Judicial Court, the legislature, the Governor, the courts and other interested parties with figures as of June 30th in the given reporting year, as well as furnish to each court prompt management information to meet specific needs.

CONCLUSION

There is much to be done to make more useful to the Supreme Judicial Court the information presented in the Annual Report. Based on the cooperation extended to this office by many members of all three branches of Massachusetts government, as well as the public, the news media and interested organizations, there is significant and immediate potential for building on its good points and improving its weak ones. The same can be said, I believe, of the very administration of our courts which the report reflects.

Dated: July 22, 1974

John A. Fiske
Executive Secretary

FOREWORD TO APPENDICES

The gross cost of operating all courts in both state and county as appears in Appendix I on page 20 reflects an increase of \$14,608,000, and the net expenditure increased by \$14,050,000. The rate of increase was substantially higher than the previous year (from 9% to 22%).

The counties bore again the major portion of the increase in gross cost. The gross cost to the Commonwealth increased from \$10,400,772 to \$11,490,611, an increase of \$1,089,838, approximately 12%. County costs increased \$13,518,884.

There is no change in the cost reporting method used.

Capital costs of new court house construction or major capital improvements involving a bond issue are not reflected. Only interest charges on bonded indebtedness are included.

COST TOTALS: 1958-1973

(Thousands)

	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Net</i>
1958.....	\$17,312	\$14,628
1959.....	18,507	15,747
1960.....	18,847	16,162
1961.....	19,711	16,880
1962.....	21,343	18,118
1963.....	22,120	17,955
1964.....	23,930	19,600
1965.....	26,494	21,968
1966.....	26,960	21,541
1967.....	30,148	23,623
1968.....	34,536	28,387
1969.....	37,792	30,698
1970.....	43,599	33,979
1971.....	48,837	40,737
1972.....	53,294	44,132
1973.....	67,902	58,182

APPENDIX I

COMPUTATIONS OF THE COSTS OF OPERATING THE COURTS

The cost of administering and operating the various courts of the Commonwealth was determined by the following sources of information:

1. Public Document No. 29 (Annual Report on the statistics of county finances for the year ending December 31, 1972, Bureau of Accounts, Department of Corporations and Taxation).

2. House Bill 6100, 1973 Session (estimates of county receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1973).

3. Budget Recommendation of his Excellency, Governor Francis W. Sargent, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1973, and ending June 30, 1974.

4. Financial Report of the Comptroller of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, (Public Document No. 140).

5. City of Boston and County of Suffolk Budget Recommendations for the fiscal year 1973.

6. Summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1972, developed from the records of the Auditing Department, City of Boston.

7. Records of Real Property Division of the City of Boston (material developed by personal contact and conference).

8. Records of County Commissioners and Treasurers examined.

SUMMARY OF COSTS OF ADMINISTERING AND OPERATING ALL
COURTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Net</i>
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$11,490,611.01	\$9,035,731.02
Barnstable	1,095,635.92	902,098.09
Berkshire	787,627.21	620,118.30
Bristol	2,512,650.11	2,142,177.82
Dukes County	98,017.30	82,915.02
Essex	3,982,122.42	3,472,361.24
Franklin	408,017.88	346,501.34
Hampden	3,377,344.55	2,901,811.74
Hampshire	602,353.25	502,732.52
Middlesex	12,342,746.54	11,135,658.91
Nantucket	53,031.01	47,167.70
Norfolk	4,088,578.93	3,511,996.68
Plymouth	2,408,032.35	2,058,665.76
Suffolk	15,446,484.90	12,192,672.16
Worcester	9,209,735.85	8,649,358.48
Commitments*		580,325.36
Total	\$67,902,989.23	\$58,182,292.14

*(Total shown does not include Suffolk County. Some of the expense attendant to commitments is a proper court expense, but to determine the actual judicial cost would require an examination of each and every voucher submitted for payment to the county treasurers in connection with commitments.)

Note: Commonwealth figures are for fiscal year ending June 30, 1973.

County figures are for calendar year 1972.

NET COST OF COURTS PAID BY THE COMMONWEALTH

(For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1973)

	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Net</i>
Supreme Judicial Court	\$ 2,101,253.44	\$2,099,439.64*
Superior Court	1,996,692.45	1,996,692.45
Probate and Insolvency Courts	3,420,570.19	1,257,810.90
Land Court	759,101.60	559,497.70
District Court — Administration	50,065.00	50,065.00
Board of Bar Examiners	120,682.56	51,157.56
Pensions (Retired Judges)	557,213.27	557,213.27
Judicial Council	25,119.52	25,119.52
Probation Service	2,019,912.98	1,998,734.98
Suffolk County Courthouse Maintenance (Acts 1935, c. 474)	440,000.00	440,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	11,490,611.01	9,035,731.02

*(\$1,208,816.60 of this item was expended for Massachusetts Defenders Committee.)

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Justices' Salaries and Expenses	\$257,690.00
Clerk and Assistant Clerk Salaries	50,440.40
Clerical Assistance to Clerk	22,366.28
Clerical Assistance to Justices	269,066.00
Court Expenses	35,581.00
Court Officers and Messenger — Salaries	14,954.04
Clerk and Assistant Clerk for Suffolk County — Salaries	13,219.58
Social Law Library	54,000.00
Office of the Executive Secretary	111,325.67
Reporter of Decisions — Salaries and Administration	63,793.87
Massachusetts Defenders Committee	1,208,816.60
Total (Gross)	2,101,253.44
Less — Receipts	—1,813.80
Total (Net)	\$2,099,439.64

SUPERIOR COURT

Justices' Salaries and Expenses	\$1,549,791.06
Assistant Clerk (Suffolk County)	7,323.00
Court Expenses	317,351.88
District Court Justices in Superior Court	
Salaries	85,316.54
Expenses	16,235.49
Special District Court Justices' Salaries (G.L. c. 212, §14E)	20,674.48
Total (Gross)	1,996,692.45
Less — Receipts	None
Total (Net)	\$1,996,692.45

PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY COURTS

Judges' Salaries (Additional Sittings)	\$ 20,000.00
Judges' Expenses	2,000.00
Reimbursement for Official Bonds	1,000.00
Administrative Committee	500.00
Administration	32,185.98
Total	\$ 55,685.98

Salaries and Expenses

BARNSTABLE	137,306.12
BERKSHIRE	94,273.53
BRISTOL	213,836.78
DUKES	23,820.96
ESSEX	274,977.80
FRANKLIN	77,665.30
HAMPDEN	310,173.20
HAMPSHIRE	99,267.04
MIDDLESEX	598,607.58
NANTUCKET	41,291.84
NORFOLK	348,537.51
PLYMOUTH	211,355.89
SUFFOLK	669,246.77
WORCESTER	264,523.89
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	3,364,884.21
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Total (Gross)	3,420,570.19
Less — Receipts	—2,162,759.29
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Total (Net)	\$1,257,810.90

LAND COURT

Administration	\$ 759,101.60
Less — Receipts	—199,603.90
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Total (Net)	\$ 559,497.70

DISTRICT COURTS

Administration	\$ 50,065.00
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BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS

Administration	\$ 120,682.56
Less — Receipts	—69,525.00
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Total (Net)	\$ 51,157.56

PENSIONS

Retired Judges	\$ 557,213.27
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JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Administration	\$ 25,119.52
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PROBATION SERVICE

Office of Commissioner of Probation —	
Salaries and Administrative Expenses	\$ 660,605.70
Committee on Probation	
Administrative Expenses	2,125.00
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	\$ 662,730.70
Superior Court*	
Probation Officers' Salaries	1,336,593.28
Office — Supervisor of Probation	20,589.00
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	1,357,182.28
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Total (Gross)	2,019,912.98
Less — Receipts	—21,178.00
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Total (Net)	\$1,998,734.98

*(By Acts of 1956, c. 731, §29, Compensation of Probation Officers appointed for the Superior Court is paid by the Commonwealth.)

SUFFOLK COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Maintenance (Acts of 1935, c. 474)	\$ 440,000.00
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SUFFOLK COUNTY
SUMMARY OF COURT EXPENDITURES

	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Net</i>
Supreme Judicial Court	\$ 321,013.40	\$ 312,361.71
Superior Court	5,196,275.58	5,068,838.48
Probate and Insolvency Court	187,780.45	187,770.45
Municipal Court of the City of Boston	2,358,099.54	1,500,114.10*
Municipal Court of the Charlestown District	251,553.59	196,911.90
East Boston District Court	443,601.32	312,930.63
Municipal Court of the South Boston District ..	275,964.16	173,465.13
Municipal Court of the Dorchester District	915,440.92	728,963.83
Municipal Court of the Roxbury District	1,385,592.55	385,615.81
Municipal Court of the West Roxbury District ..	474,342.71	380,659.13
Municipal Court of the Brighton District	316,485.89	144,458.23
District Court of Chelsea	404,119.97	326,320.88
Boston Juvenile Court	712,438.02	712,098.02
Suffolk County Court House	1,768,983.50	1,327,370.56
Social Law Library	5,000.00	5,000.00
Mental Health	55,000.00	55,000.00
Pensions and Annuities	374,793.30	374,793.30
Total	\$15,446,484.90	\$12,192,672.16
*(Excess Receipts over Expenditures.)		

SUFFOLK COUNTY
CITY OF BOSTON
COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Clerk's Office for Suffolk County	\$321,013.40	
Less — Receipts	—8,651.69	
Total (Net)		\$312,361.71
SUPERIOR COURT		
General Expenses*		\$ 299,319.10
Salaries and Expenses		
Court Officers' Division**		1,026,336.32
Salaries and Expenses		
Criminal Expenses		
Clerks and Clerical		
Assistants etc.		
Salaries and Expenses	\$849,379.50	
Jurors (Fees, etc.)	429,629.77	
Witnesses (Fees, etc.)	41,726.50	
District Attorney's Office	669,859.45	
Probation Office	213,578.91	
Total (Gross) Criminal	\$2,204,174.13	
Less — Receipts	—57,798.00	
Total (Net) Criminal		\$2,146,376.13

SUPERIOR COURT

Civil Expenses

Clerks and Clerical
Assistants, etc.

Salaries and Expenses \$1,179,415.44

Masters 69,973.75

Auditors 160,633.13

Jurors (Fees, etc.) 256,423.71

Total (Gross) Civil \$1,666,446.03

Less — Receipts —69,639.10

Total (Net) Civil \$1,596,806.93

Grand Total (Net) Superior Court \$5,068,838.48

*(Stenographic and confidential messenger; also furnishes supplies and equipment for both Civil and Criminal sessions.)

**(Deputy Sheriffs and Court Officers; salaries, expenses, etc., for Civil and Criminal sessions.)

PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY COURT

General Expenses

Salaries and Expenses \$187,780.45

Less — receipts —10.00

Total (Net) \$187,770.45

MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

General Expenses

Salaries and Expenses \$2,358,099.54

Less — Receipts —3,858,213.64

Total (Net) \$—1,500,114.10*

*(Excess receipts over expenditures.)

MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT

General Expenses

Salaries and Expenses \$229,283.59

Maintenance* 22,270.00

Total (Gross) 251,553.59

Less — Receipts —54,641.69

Total (Net) \$196,911.90

*(About one-half of building is used by Police Department and Civil Defense; heating expense is paid by Police Department.)

EAST BOSTON DISTRICT COURT

General Expenses

Salaries and Expenses \$400,382.32

Maintenance* 43,219.00

Total (Gross) \$443,601.32

Less — Receipts —130,670.69

Total (Net) \$312,930.63

*(Building used 100% by Court; Police Department supplies heat; Operating Personnel charged to Boston Real Property Division.)

MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE SOUTH BOSTON DISTRICT

General Expenses		
Salaries and Expenses	\$233,931.16	
Maintenance*	42,033.00	
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Total (Gross)	\$275,964.16	
Less — Receipts	—102,499.03	
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Total (Net)		\$173,465.13

*(Court uses about one-third of building.)

MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE DORCHESTER DISTRICT

General Expenses		
Salaries and Expenses	\$860,319.92	
Maintenance*	55,121.00	
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Total (Gross)	\$915,440.92	
Less — Receipts	—186,477.09	
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Total (Net)		\$728,963.83

*(Building used 100% by Court.)

MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE ROXBURY DISTRICT

General Expenses		
Salaries and Expenses	\$1,234,003.55	
Maintenance*	151,589.00	
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Total (Gross)	\$1,385,592.55	
Less — Receipts	—999,976.74	
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Total (Net)		\$385,615.81

*(Building used 100% by Court.)

MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE WEST ROXBURY DISTRICT

General Expenses		
Salaries and Expenses	\$429,753.71	
Maintenance*	44,589.00	
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Total (Gross)	\$474,342.71	
Less — Receipts	—93,683.58	
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Total (Net)		\$380,659.13

*(Building used 100% by Court.)

MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE BRIGHTON DISTRICT

General Expenses		
Salaries and Expenses	\$278,349.89	
Maintenance*	38,136.00	
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Total (Gross)	\$316,485.89	
Less — Receipts	—172,027.66	
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Total (Net)		\$144,458.23

*(75% of building is used by Court.)

DISTRICT COURT OF CHELSEA

General Expenses		
Salaries and Expenses	\$378,082.84	
Maintenance*	26,037.13	
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Total (Gross)	\$404,119.97	
Less — Receipts	—77,799.09	
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Total (Net)		\$326,320.88

*(About two-thirds of building is used by Court.)

BOSTON JUVENILE COURT

General Expenses		
Salaries and Expenses	\$712,438.02	
Less — Receipts	—340.00	
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Total (Net)		\$712,098.02

SUFFOLK COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Maintenance		
Salaries and Expenses	\$1,768,983.50	
Less — Statutory share of Commonwealth	\$440,000.00	
Telephone Commissions	1,612.94	
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	—441,612.94	
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Total (Net)		\$1,327,370.56

SOCIAL LAW LIBRARY

General Expenses	\$5,000.00
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MENTAL HEALTH

General Expenses	
Salaries and Expenses	\$55,000.00

PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES

General Expenses	\$374,793.30
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BARNSTABLE

COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts	
Salaries and Expenses	\$59,143.13
Probate Court and Registry	
Salaries and Expenses	
and other civil probate expenses	53,766.38
Law Libraries	
Salaries and Expenses	15,525.28
Superior Court*	
Criminal and Civil	
Court Officers and	
Stenographers	\$38,830.41
Probation Department	15,860.19
Jurors (Fees, etc.)	65,386.79
Witnesses (Fees, etc.)	9,267.97
District Attorney's Office	10,076.39
Auditors and Masters	5,250.00
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144,671.75

District Courts

Salaries and Expenses

(Includes courthouse
rentals)

\$527,491.55

Courthouse Maintenance
and Operation

145,890.33

Courthouse Bonded Debt
Int. pd. 1972

149,147.50

Total (Gross)

\$1,095,635.92

Less — Receipts

—193,537.83

Total (Net)

\$902,098.09

*Civil and Criminal costs are now combined in all counties.

BERKSHIRE

COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts

Salaries and Expenses

\$45,961.63

Probate Court and Registry

Salaries and Expenses

and other civil

probate expenses

42,623.18

Law Libraries

Salaries and Expenses

19,239.43

Superior Court

Criminal and Civil

Court Officers and

Stenographers

\$26,650.95

Probation Department

20,855.42

Jurors (Fees, etc.)

69,117.95

Witnesses (Fees, etc.)

4,912.96

District Attorney's Office

33,979.37

Auditors

11,323.10

Masters

3,946.15

Referees

910.00

171,695.90

District Courts

Salaries and Expenses

(Includes courthouse

rentals)

470,331.27

Courthouse Maintenance

and Operation

36,763.30

Courthouse Bonded Debt

Int. pd. 1972

1,012.50

Total (Gross)

\$787,627.21

Less — Receipts

—167,508.91

Total (Net)

\$620,118.30

BRISTOL

COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts

Salaries and Expenses

\$235,590.00

Probate Court and Registry

Salaries and Expenses

and other civil

probate expenses

242,891.60

Law Libraries		
Salaries and Expenses	59,224.14	
Superior Court		
Criminal and Civil		
Court Officers and		
Stenographers	\$133,281.50	
Probation Department	36,138.18	
Jurors (Fees, etc.)	190,671.60	
Witnesses (Fees, etc.)	20,247.90	
District Attorney's Office	48,643.08	
Auditors	35,203.53	
Masters	11,605.00	
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	475,790.79	
District Courts		
Salaries and Expenses		
(Includes courthouse		
rentals)	1,175,080.08	
Courthouse Maintenance		
and Operation	255,786.00	
Courthouse Bonded Debt		
Int. pd. 1972	68,287.50	
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Total (Gross)	\$2,512,650.11	
Less-Receipts		<hr/> —370,472.29
Total (Net)		\$2,142,177.82

DUKES

COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts		
Salaries and Expenses	\$8,764.42	
Probate Court and Registry		
Salaries and Expenses		
and other civil		
probate expenses	11,072.69	
Law Libraries		
Salaries and Expenses	2,039.84	
Superior Court		
Criminal and Civil		
Court Officers and		
Stenographers	\$5,383.09	
Probation Department	609.61	
Jurors (Fees, etc.)	5,547.10	
Witnesses (Fees, etc.)	246.30	
District Attorney's Office	851.48	
Auditors and Masters	1,770.00	
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	14,407.58	
District Courts		
Salaries and Expenses		
(Includes courthouse		
rentals)	50,963.48	
Courthouse Maintenance		
and Operation	8,239.29	
Courthouse Bonded Debt		
Int. pd. 1972	2,530.00	
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Total (Gross)	\$98,017.30	
Less — Receipts		<hr/> —15,102.28
Total (Net)		\$82,915.02

ESSEX

COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts		
Salaries and Expenses	\$281,367.06	
Probate Court and Registry		
Salaries and Expenses		
and other civil		
probate expenses	454,187.40	
Law Libraries		
Salaries and Expenses	50,629.10	
Superior Court		
Criminal and Civil		
Court Officers and		
Stenographers	\$183,941.30	
Probation Department	43,999.09	
Jurors (Fees, etc.)	368,665.97	
Witnesses (Fees, etc.)	22,746.42	
District Attorney's Office	76,420.12	
Auditors and Masters	85,408.34	
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	781,181.24	
District Courts		
Salaries and Expenses		
(Includes courthouse		
rentals)	2,091,170.84	
Courthouse Maintenance		
and Operation	313,336.78	
Courthouse Bonded Debt		
Int. Pd. 1972	10,250.00	
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Total (Gross)	\$3,982,122.42	
Less — Receipts		— 509,761.18
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Total (Net)		\$3,472,361.24

FRANKLIN

COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts	
Salaries and Expenses	\$48,171.99
Probate Court and Registry	
Salaries and Expenses	
and other civil	
probate expenses	34,551.49
Law Libraries	
Salaries and Expenses	13,057.07
Superior Court	
Criminal and Civil	
Court Officers and	
Stenographers	\$17,925.24
Probation Department	8,127.69
Jurors (Fees, etc.)	52,237.78
Witnesses (Fees, etc.)	1,755.81
District Attorney's Office	24,307.24
Auditors	200.00
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	104,553.76

District Courts

Salaries and Expenses
(Includes courthouse
rentals)

184,521.00

Courthouse Maintenance
and Operation

\$23,162.57

Total (Gross)

\$408,017.88

Less — Receipts

—61,516.54

Total (Net)

\$346,501.34

HAMPDEN

COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts

Salaries and Expenses

\$224,490.11

Probate Court and Registry

Salaries and Expenses
and other civil
probate expenses

388,498.12

Law Libraries

Salaries and Expenses

44,593.13

Superior Court

Criminal and Civil

Court Officers and

Stenographers

\$269,031.21

Probation Department

45,149.38

Jurors (Fees, etc.)

258,763.31

Witnesses (Fees, etc.)

15,911.04

District Attorney's Office

65,164.34

Auditors

7,539.67

Masters

11,226.25

Conciliators

1,807.80

674,593.00

District Courts

Salaries and Expenses
(Includes courthouse
rentals)

1,810,927.25

Courthouse Maintenance
and Operation

232,742.94

Courthouse Bonded Debt

Int. pd. 1972

1,500.00

Total (Gross)

\$3,377,344.55

Less — Receipts

—475,532.81

Total (Net)

\$2,901,811.74

HAMPSHIRE

COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts

Salaries and Expenses

\$59,828.34

Probate Court and Registry

Salaries and Expenses
and other civil
probate expenses

42,069.14

Law Libraries

Salaries and Expenses

21,474.65

Superior Court

Criminal and Civil	
Court Officers and	
Stenographers	\$31,514.30
Probation Department	12,620.26
Jurors (Fees, etc.)	70,118.65
Witnesses (Fees, etc.)	4,792.63
District Attorney's Office	29,599.59
Auditors	1,520.00
Masters	2,720.00

152,885.43

District Courts

Salaries and Expenses	
(Includes courthouse	
rentals)	300,768.73
Courthouse Maintenance	
and Operation	25,326.96

\$602,353.25

Total (Gross)

Less — Receipts

—99,620.73

Total (Net)

\$502,732.52

MIDDLESEX

COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts

Salaries and Expenses	\$825,589.53
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Probate Court and Registry

Salaries and Expenses	
and other civil	
probate expenses	1,016,708.23

Law Libraries

Salaries and Expenses	124,457.22
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Superior Court

Criminal and Civil	
Court Officers and	
Stenographers	\$770,928.59
Probation Department	120,746.08
Jurors (Fees, etc.)	446,213.40
Witnesses (Fees, etc.)	70,634.54
District Attorney's Office	149,707.73
Auditors	78,222.54
Masters	39,555.25

1,676,008.13

District Courts

Salaries and Expenses	
(Includes courthouse	
rentals)	5,837,513.41
Courthouse Maintenance	
and Operation	1,521,293.27
Courthouse Bonded Debt	
Int. Pd. 1972	1,341,176.75

\$12,342,746.54

Total (Gross)

Less — Receipts

—1,207,087.63

Total (Net)

\$11,135,658.91

NANTUCKET
COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts			
Salaries and Expenses	\$8,496.56		
Probate Court and Registry			
Salaries and Expenses	3,005.29		
Law Libraries			
Salaries and Expenses	886.75		
Superior Court			
Criminal and Civil			
Grand Jury	\$2,176.80		
Probation Department	179.52		
Trial Jury	1,653.28		
Stenographer	1,072.57		
Sheriff and Deputies	566.70		
Witnesses	451.50		
District Attorney's Office	587.57		
Misc. Expense	1,002.72		
		7,690.66	
District Courts			
Salaries and Expenses			
(Includes courthouse			
rentals)	32,766.50		
Courthouse Maintenance			
and Operation	185.25		
Total (Gross)		\$53,031.01	
Less — Receipts			—5,863.31
Total (Net)			\$47,167.70

NORFOLK
COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts	
Salaries and Expenses	\$244,264.73
Probate Court and Registry	
Salaries and Expenses	
and other civil	
probate expenses	432,311.95
Law Libraries	
Salaries and Expenses	17,568.79
Superior Court	
Criminal and Civil	
Court Officers and	
Stenographers	\$226,140.54
Court Reporters	38,167.58
Probation Department	51,697.18
Jurors (Fees, etc.)	249,455.78
Witnesses (Fees, etc.)	19,673.48
District Attorney's Office	314,987.85
Auditors and Masters	74,399.50
	974,521.91

District Courts		
Salaries and Expenses		
(Includes courthouse		
rentals)	1,705,870.81	
Courthouse Maintenance		
and Operation	564,998.38	
Courthouse Bonded Debt		
Int. pd. 1972	149,042.36	
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Total (Gross)	\$4,088,578.93	
Less — Receipts		—576,582.25
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Total (Net)		\$3,511,996.68

PLYMOUTH
COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts		
Salaries and Expenses	\$191,658.91	
Probate Court and Registry		
Salaries and Expenses		
and other civil		
probate expenses	231,053.47	
Law Libraries		
Salaries and Expenses	18,571.10	
Superior Court		
Criminal and Civil		
Court Officers and		
Stenographers	\$128,204.31	
Probation Department	42,609.29	
Jurors (Fees, etc.)	187,116.58	
Witnesses (Fees, etc.)	20,332.04	
District Attorney's Office	62,761.88	
Auditors	8,860.00	
Masters	3,645.00	
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	453,529.10	
District Courts		
Salaries and Expenses		
(Includes courthouse		
rentals)	1,241,899.94	
Courthouse Maintenance		
and Operation	202,938.83	
Courthouse Bonded Debt		
Int. pd. 1972	68,375.00	
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Total (Gross)	\$2,408,032.35	
Less — Receipts		—349,366.59
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Total (Net)		\$2,058,665.76

WORCESTER
COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES

Clerk of Courts	
Salaries and Expenses	\$380,358.79
Probate Court and Registry	
Salaries and Expenses	
and other civil	
probate expenses	451,258.04
Law Libraries	
Salaries and Expenses	69,921.60

Superior Court

Criminal and Civil

Court Officers and

Stenographers

\$362,848.01

Probation Department

48,581.11

Jurors (Fees, etc.)

349,037.07

Witnesses (Fees, etc.)

48,397.42

District Attorney's Office

70,727.11

Auditors and Masters

52,000.00

931,590.72

District Courts

Salaries and Expenses

(Includes courthouse

rentals)

2,543,091.17

Courthouse Maintenance

and Operation

463,515.53

Courthouse Bonded Debt

Int. Pd. 1972

4,370,000.00

Total (Gross)

\$9,209,735.85

Less — Receipts

—56,037.37

Total (Net)

\$8,649,358.48

APPENDIX II

REPORT OF THE STATISTICS OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY
THE VARIOUS COURTS

The reports of total civil and criminal entries for fifteen years are set forth in the following table. In 1959, total entries amounted to 571,813, while in 1973, entries totalled 1,403,420, an increase of about 200%.

In the same period, the gross cost of operating the courts increased from \$18,507,000 to \$67,902,000, up approximately 210%.

TOTAL CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ENTRIES
(ALL COURTS)

	<i>Civil</i>	<i>Criminal</i>	<i>Total Civil and Criminal</i>
1959	274,398	297,415	571,813
1960	285,818	321,734	607,552
1961	302,184	331,528	633,712
1962	308,734	366,526	675,260
1963	320,082	410,448	730,530
1964	382,647	424,255	806,902
1965	391,285	479,609	870,894
1966	382,776	565,571	948,347
1967	395,898	707,186	1,103,084
1968	398,161	724,828	1,122,989
1969	404,903	788,976	1,193,879
1970	417,098	958,918	1,376,016
1971	436,167	1,108,349	1,544,516
1972	427,384	1,322,034	1,749,418
1973	393,439	1,009,981	1,403,420

Civil and criminal entries in the various courts appear in the following tables for the years ending June 30, 1972 and June 30, 1973. Next are the statistics for each court with comments.

Both civil and criminal entries decreased in 1973.

CIVIL ENTRIES

	<i>1972</i>	<i>1973</i>	
Supreme Judicial Court, law	1,909	2,212	
Supreme Judicial Court, equity	<u>195</u>	<u>243</u>	
		2,104	2,455
Superior Court, law	31,571	25,337	
Superior Court, equity	<u>7,121</u>	<u>7,876</u>	
		38,692	33,213
Land Court		5,572	6,116
Probate Courts, probate	106,185	106,902	
Probate Court, divorce	19,973	21,001	
Probate Courts, commitments	<u>298</u>	<u>0</u>	
		126,456	127,903

Municipal Court of the City of Boston:

Net after removals	27,551	23,090
Supplementary process	1,381	1,390
Small Claims	1,645	1,665
Reciprocal Support	255	244
	30,832	26,389

District Courts:

Net after removals	85,960	71,895
Supplementary process	31,725	29,016
Small Claims	98,887	90,718
Reciprocal Support	4,417	2,809
Commitments	2,739	2,925
	223,728	197,363

Total Civil entries	427,384	393,439
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CRIMINAL ENTRIES

1972

1973

Superior Court:

Indictments	20,856	18,876
Action on bail bonds	563	777
Complaints after waiver of indictments	18	0
	21,437	19,653

Municipal Court of the City of Boston:

General	367,655	299,510
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District Courts:

General	926,681	1,002,399
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Boston Juvenile Court	2,564	2,679
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Springfield Juvenile Court	1,851	1,675
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Worcester Juvenile Court	1,846	1,803
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Bristol County Juvenile Court		1,425
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Total Criminal entries	1,322,034	1,009,981
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SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

In the first part of the following table, a comparison is made between the current year, the preceding year, and ten years ago.

In the current year, there were 131 cases entered, a decrease from the preceding year (418). The total number of full opinions, including advisory opinions, was 153, a decrease of 114 opinions from last year. Rescript opinions also decreased from 154 in 1972 to 37 in 1973.

The average period in days from consideration of cases by the court to decision increased from 67.31 in 1972 to 81.66 in 1973.

CASES ON APPEAL

Origin	1962-1963	1971-1972	1972-1973
Full Court	—	2	3
Certification under Rule 3:21 from U.S. Dist. Court (D. Mass.) to Full Court	—	1	0

Single Justice Session

Law	14	22	22
Equity	8	6	15
Superior Court			
Law	131	206	76
Equity	76	118	37
Workmen's Compensation	1	5	3
Land Court	8	4	1
Probate Courts	26	38	19
District and Boston Municipal Courts	9	12	8
Total	273	414	184
Opinions	210	260	147
Rescript Opinions	63	154	37
Total	273	414	184

	1971-1972		1972-1973	
Decision of lower court modified and affirmed	10	2%	4	2%
Decision of lower court affirmed	285	69%	98	53%
Decision of lower court reversed	89	22%	47	26%
No decision in lower court	29	7%	32	18%
Appeals dismissed	1	—	2	1%
Exceptions dismissed	—	—	1	—
Total	414	100%	184	100%
Cases argued	337	81%	156	85%
Submitted on briefs	48	12%	17	9%
Argued and briefs*	29	7%	11	6%
Total	414	100%	184	100%

*Argued by one side.

<i>County of Origin</i>	1971-1972	1972-1973
Barnstable	7	4
Berkshire	7	—
Bristol	23	7
Dukes	2	—
Essex	23	5
Franklin	4	3
Hampden	27	6
Hampshire	6	2
Middlesex	70	27
Nantucket	—	1
Norfolk	24	12
Plymouth	23	5
Suffolk	162	104
Worcester	36	8
Total	414	184*
Days from entry to consideration (average)	152.35	163.79
Days from consideration to decision (average)	67.31	81.66
Total	219.66	245.45
Civil Cases	314	131
Criminal Cases	100	53*
Total	414	184
Cases entered		
Law	245	99
Equity	173	32
Total	418	131

*Does not include one (1) Hampshire County Criminal Case which was heard but for which no opinion has yet been released.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY
SINGLE JUSTICE SESSION
TWO-YEAR COMPARISON OF STATISTICS

	1972	1973
Total Entries on Law Docket	1,909	2,212
Total Entries on Equity Docket	195	243
Total	2,104	2,455
<i>Law Docket</i>		
Petitions for Admission to the Bar	1,583	1,856
Appeals from Decision of Appellate Tax Board	30	29
Application for Discharge Under Chapter 123, sec. 91	1	0
Petitions for Writ of Certiorari	16	12
Petitions for Writ of Error	73	63
Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus	20	19
Petitions for Writ of Mandamus	22	39
All others	164	194
Total	1,909	2,212

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT FOR COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
September 1, 1972 to September 1, 1973

REPORT

<i>Transferred to Superior Court</i>	<i>Prerogative Writs</i>	<i>Petitions for Admission to Bar</i>
65	154	1,856
<i>Law Docket:</i>		
Petitions for Admission to the Bar		1,856
Appeals from Decision of Appellate Tax Board		29
Petitions for Writ of Certiorari		12
Petitions for Writ of Error		63
Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus		19
Petitions for Writ of Mandamus		39
Petitions for Writ of Prohibition		6
Informations		15
Petition for Declaratory Judgment		1
Petition for Declaratory Relief		1
Bill for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief under Chapter 231A, s. 1		1
Petition for Declaratory Judgment on Unauthorized Practice of Law		1
Petitions to Establish Truth of Exceptions		7
Petitions for Admission to Bail		15
Petitions for Admission to Bail pending Appeal		3
Petitions for Reduction of Bail		10
Petitions for Review of Bail		6
Petition to Set and Reduce Bail		1
Motion to Reduce and Admit to Bail		1
Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus on the question of Bail		1
Petition for Personal Recognizance or Reduction of Bail		1
Petitions for Release or Personal Recognizance without Surety or Reduction of Bail		3
Petition for Release on Personal Recognizance without Surety		1
Petition for Review of Decision denying Release on Personal recognizance and for bail		1
Petition for Review of Decision denying Release on Personal Recognizance or on Execution of an Unsecured Appearance Bond under C. 211, s. 3		1
Petition for Appeal		1
Motion for Allowance of Appeal		1

Petition to file notice of Appeal	1
Petitions for Late Appeal	4
Petitions for Late Appeal under C. 211, s. 3	3
Petition to file notice of Appeal Late under C. 278, s. 33H	1
Petition for Late Appeal with Request for Appointment of Counsel	1
Applications for Interlocutory Appeal under C. 278, s. 28 E	25
Petition for Interlocutory Appeal from Denial of Petitioner's Motion to Suppress	1
Petition for Relief under General Supervisory Powers under C. 211, s. 3	1
Petition for Exercise of Supervisory Powers under C. 211, s. 3	1
Petitions for Superintendence under C. 211, s. 3	3
Petition for Extraordinary Relief under C. 211, s. 3	1
Petition to invoke Extraordinary Powers of Supreme Judicial Court to allow Petitioner to join co-defendants assignment of errors and appeal under C. 211, s. 3	1
Petitions for Supervisory Jurisdiction under C. 211, s. 3	2
Petition for the Exercise of Supervisory Jurisdiction under C. 211, s. 3 and for the modification of a decree of the Superior Court under C. 214, s. 22	1
Petition for General Superintendence under C. 211, s. 3 and modification of decree of Superior Court under C. 214, s. 22	1
Petitions for Judicial Review under C. 211, s. 3	5
Petition under C. 211, s. 3	1
Petitions for Relief under C. 211, ss. 3 and 4 A	2
Petition under C. 211, s. 3 and C. 213, s. 10	1
Petition under C. 211, s. 4 A	1
Petition under C. 214, s. 22 and C. 211, s. 3 for an Order modifying the Order of a Justice of the Superior Court in equity	1
Applications for immunity of witness in Grand Jury proceedings	3
Petition to Grant immunity to witness under C. 233, ss. 20 C - E	1
Petition for leave to Interview Prospective Witness held in the custody of the Commonwealth	2
Petitions for leave to file Bill of Exceptions Late	2
Petition for late filing of Bill of Exceptions under C. 278, s. 33 A	1
Petition for permission to file an untimely Bill of Exceptions under C. 278, ss. 33 A - H	1
Petitions for Late Filing of Bill of Exceptions under C. 278, s. 32 A	4
Petition for Stay	1
Petition for Stay and Admission to Bail	1
Petition for Stay of Execution of Sentence	1
Petition for Stay of Execution of Sentence of death	1
Petitions for Stay of further Execution of Sentence and for bail	3
Petition to Stay or Resolve an Order admitting Petitioner to Bail	1
Petition to Stay Execution of Sentence pending appeal and admission to Bail	1
Petition to revoke and stay Execution of Commitment under C. 211, s. 3	1
Petition for Stay of Execution of an Order under C. 213, s. 1 D	1
Petition for Stay of Execution under C. 279, s. 4	1
Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus for release from arrest by State Police upon rendition warrant	1
Petition for leave to be allowed to file the costs of printing the record for transmission to the Supreme Judicial Court late under C. 211, s. 11	1
Petition of the Boston Bar Association for appropriate relief relating to the Judicial and Administrative conduct of Jerome P. Troy, Justice of the Municipal Court for the Dorchester District	1
Petition for Suspension of Decree Nisi and Entry of Absolute	1
Motions for a New Trial	3
Bill in Equity and for Declaratory Relief and for Writ of Prohibition	1
Petition for Free Transcript	1
Petition for Assignment of Counsel on Appeal	1

Petition to examine Inquest Report and Transcript under C. 211, s. 3 . . .	1
Petition to permit filing of Assignment of Error, time having expired . . .	1
Petition for hearing re: Dismissal of application for admission as an attorney	1
Petition for Assignment of Counsel other than the Massachusetts Defenders' Committee	1
Petition for Opinion under C. 127, s. 48 A	1
Petition for extension of time for filing Assignment of Errors under C. 278, s. 28 E	1
Petition to annul and suspend the operation of a decree of Superior Court	1
Petition to vacate Guilty Plea	1
Petition for extension of time for filing Assignment of Errors	1
Petition for Temporary Restraining Order	2
Motion for Transfer of Papers and for waiver of costs	2
Petition for Review of Denial by Norfolk County Probate Court of Motion of Lois S. Finn for Temporary Conservator to Act pending Appeal	1
Petition for modification of a decree of Superior Court under C. 214, s. 22 and C. 211, s. 3	1
Motion to Retain Jurisdiction	1
Petition for correction of two pre-trial errors in a criminal action in lower courts prejudicial to all subsequent proceedings, pursuant to C. 211, s. 3	1
Petition to annul or modify order of the Superior Court	1
Petition to vacate Sentence	1
Petition for late Entry of Assignments of Error	1
Petition for Transfer under C. 211, s. 3	1
Petition to Single Justice for Transfer	1
Total Entries on Law Docket	2,212

Equity Docket:

Bills in Equity	10
Bills of Complaint	10
Bills of Complaint for Declaratory Relief	7
Petitions for Declaratory Judgment	19
Petitions for Declaratory Relief	6
Petitions for Dissolution under C. 180, s. 11A	23
Petition for Dissolution under C. 155, s. 50	1
Petitions for Dissolution under C. 156B, s. 99	9
Petitions for Dissolution under C. 156B, s. 101	7
Petition to Establish Truth of Exceptions	1
Petitions for Appeal under C. 25, s. 5	14
Petition for Appeal under ss. 113B and 113C of Chapter 175 and Chapter 30A	1
Petitions for Injunctive Relief	9
Petitions for Late Appeal under C. 211, s. 11	9
Petitions for Late Appeal under C. 215, s. 15	2
Petition for Late Appeal under C. 215, s. 15 and Chapter 211, s. 11	1
Petitions for Late Appeal under C. 214, s. 28	2
Petition for Appeal from Decision of the Department of Public Utilities	1
Petitions for Cy Pres	3
Petitions to modify Interlocutory Decree under Chapter 214, s. 22	18
Petitions for temporary restraining order and for injunction pending appeal under C. 214, s. 22	4
Petition for order to suspend operation of a modification of Final Decree entered August 31, 1972 appealed to this court	1
Petitions for suspension of decree of Superior Court pending appeal under C. 214, s. 22	17

Petitions for Stay	15
Petitions for Stay of Decree pending appeal under Chapter 215, s. 23	4
Petition for Stay under Chapter 215, s. 27	1
Petitions to Stay Probate Court proceedings under Chapter 215, s. 23	5
Petitions for Stay of Interlocutory Decree under Chapter 215, s. 23 and s. 24	3
Petition for Stay of Decrees and Order of Middlesex County Probate Court under C. 215, s. 27	1
Petition for Stay of Interlocutory Decree of Essex County Probate Court	1
Petition for Suspension of Decree under C. 214, ss. 22 and 26	1
Petition for Suspension of Decree of Hampshire County Probate Court	1
Petition to Stay Decree of Plymouth County Probate Court	1
Petitions for Suspension of Decree under C. 152, s. 17	2
Petitions for Preliminary Injunction	2
Petitions for Preliminary Injunction under C. 214, sections 1 and 2	1
Petitions for Relief pending appeal	3
Petition for Relief pending appeal in accordance with C. 211, s. 3 and Chapter 214, ss. 22 and 26	1
Petitions for Review	8
Petitions for Review under C. 175, s. 108 C	2
Petition for order Restraining Respondent pending appeal under C. 214, s. 22	1
Petition to be excused from making Accumulations	1
Petition for Appointment of Receiver and temporary restraining order	1
Petition for temporary restraining order and for injunction pending Appeal	1
Petition to revoke temporary order pending hearing in the Full Court	1
Petition to extend time for filing designation of Record under Rule 1:02	1
Motion to transmit original papers	1
Petition for Removal pursuant to Chapter 211, s. 4A	1
Petitions for Transfer under C. 211, s. 4A	2
Petition for Transfer under C. 185A, s. 22	1
Petition under C. 211, s. 3 and 4A and C. 214, s. 22	1
Petition for Partial Transfer of Cause from Superior Court to Supreme Judicial Court	1
Petition to declare a Mistrial and for an Immediate New Trial	1
Report to Supreme Court under C. 214, s. 9A	1
Original papers transmitted from Suffolk Superior Court to the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County by order of the Full Court	1
Total Entries on Equity Docket	243
Total Entries on Law Docket	2,212
Total Entries on Both Dockets	2,455

APPEALS COURT

From September 1, 1972 through August 31, 1973, the total number of full opinions was 115. There were 102 rescript opinions.

<i>Origin</i>	<i>1972-1973</i>	
Supreme Judicial Court, Law	1	
Superior Court		
Law	172	
Workmen's Compensation	6	
Land	4	
Probate	26	
District & Boston Municipal Courts	14	
Total	223	
Decision of lower court modified and affirmed	15	7%
Decision of lower court affirmed	137	63%

Decision of lower court reversed	54	25%
No decision of lower court	3	1%
Appeals dismissed	8	4%
Total	<u>217*</u>	<u>100%</u>
Cases argued	203	91%
Submitted on briefs	15	7%
Argued and on briefs	5	2%
Total	<u>223</u>	<u>100%</u>

*Does not include 2 cases remanded to lower court for further findings. 4 cases for which no decisions have been rendered.

<i>County of Origin</i>	<i>1972-1973</i>
Barnstable	4
Berkshire	2
Bristol	12
Dukes	—
Essex	13
Franklin	—
Hampden	9
Hampshire	3
Middlesex	47
Nantucket	3
Norfolk	6
Plymouth	20
Suffolk	89
Worcester	15
Total	<u>223</u>
Days from entry to consideration (average)	78.94
Days from consideration to decision (average)	<u>129.54</u>
Total	208.48
Civil cases	192
Criminal cases	<u>31</u>
Total	<u>223</u>

SUPERIOR COURT

Appearing below in summary form, for the years 1962, 1972 and 1973 are tables of civil and criminal trials by Superior Court justices as well as new entries and dispositions.

On the civil side, the figures for 1972 show an increase in entries over dispositions of approximately 13%.

On the criminal side, the cases on hand and entered are approximately 49% greater than the cases disposed of.

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL AND CRIMINAL

(LAW AND EQUITY)

	1962	1972	1973
Trials during year by			
Superior Court justices			
Civil	2,780	1,991	1,803
Criminal	<u>1,983</u>	<u>2,381</u>	<u>2,197</u>
Totals	4,763	4,372	4,000

New Cases				
Civil	40,830	38,692	33,213	
Criminal	<u>21,474</u>	<u>41,201</u>	<u>36,798</u>	
Totals	62,304	79,893	70,011	
Cases disposed of				
Civil	44,090	35,145	33,073	
Criminal	<u>14,768</u>	<u>36,325</u>	<u>35,259</u>	
Totals	58,858	71,470	68,332	

SUPERIOR COURT

CIVIL STATISTICS

I. LAW CASES — JURY AND NON-JURY

	1972	1973
Trials during year by Superior Court justices ..	1,262	1,179
Jury verdicts and findings by the court	1,342	1,198
On hand — start of year	61,821	64,795
Retransfers	1,672	1,814
Total entries	<u>31,571</u>	<u>25,337</u>
	95,064	91,946
Less disposed of	<u>—30,070</u>	<u>—28,276</u>
On hand-end of year		63,670

II. EQUITY

	1972	1973
Trials during year by Superior Court justices ..	729	624
On hand — start of year	11,934	13,994
Entries	<u>7,121</u>	<u>7,876</u>
	19,055	21,870
Less disposed of	<u>—5,075</u>	<u>—4,797</u>
On hand — end of year		17,073

SUPERIOR COURT

A summary of criminal statistics for 1972 and 1973 follow:

	1972	1973
Trials during year by Superior Court justices	2,381	2,197
Trials during year by District Court justices	1,659	1,753
Days during which a Superior Court Justice sat for trials, dispositions or redispersions	4,579½	4,433½
Days during which a District Court justice sat in Superior Court	861	884

SUPERIOR COURT

The next table is a five year comparison of criminal business and the attached charts give the detailed civil and criminal statistics.

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL STATISTICS 1969-1973

	1969		1970		1971		1972		1973	
On hand at first of year	13,667		18,306		22,659		28,318		33,488	
Indictments returned	13,371		14,473		19,470		20,856		18,876	
Appeal cases entered	13,137		14,325		16,684		17,644		15,328	
Actions on bail bonds	76		222		288		664		777	
Disposed brt forward	1,176		1,367		1,348		1,218		1,340	
Indictments waived	575		537		578		902		477	
Complaints after waiver	7	28,342	0	30,924	0	38,353	18	41,302	0	36,798
Total	42,009		49,320		61,032		69,620		70,286	
Appeals withdrawn before sitting	462		560		582		595		641	
Appeals withdrawn after next sitting	1,073		1,178		1,253		1,263		1,550	
Appeals withdrawn during sitting	617		455		623		748		554	
Disposed of	21,551	-23,703	24,381	-26,574	30,244	-32,702	33,526	-36,132	32,514	-35,259
On hand at end of year	18,306		22,656		28,330		33,488		35,027	

APPELLATE DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE APPELLATE DIVISION
OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(G. L. Ch. 278, Sec. 28A - 28D, inclusive)

for the period commencing July 1, 1972 and ending June 30, 1973:

As of June 30, 1972 Appeals were pending for review of	667 sentences
During the period of July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973 Appeals were entered for the review of	503 sentences
	<u>1,170 sentences</u>
Appeals were withdrawn which related to	401 sentences
Appeals became moot which related to	9 sentences
Appeals were dismissed as to	322 sentences
Sentences reduced	57 sentences
Sentences increased	7 sentences
Appeals pending on June 30, 1973 as to	374 sentences
	<u>1,170 sentences</u>

(Of these pending cases, Appeals as to 123 sentences have been removed from the hearing list at the request of the Appellants and will be restored upon Appellants' motions.)

The Appellate Division was in session twenty-eight days.

SUPERIOR COURT

In the Superior Court Civil chart which follows, it should be noted that due to an incorrect entry in the statistics furnished by Plymouth County in the 16th report there appears to reflect an error of 340 cases.

LAND COURT

The four-year comparative statistics show an increase in new cases entered and a decrease in dispositions. In the absence of an inventory of pending cases it is not possible to determine the size and character of the backlog.

	7/1/69 to 6/30/70	7/1/70 to 6/30/71	7/1/71 to 6/30/72	7/1/72 to 6/30/73
Land Registration	461	413	356	359
Land Confirmation	32	34	37	52
Land Registration, Subsequent	1,223	1,255	1,617	1,690
Tax Lien	816	816	579	931
Equity & Miscellaneous	2,623	2,711	2,983	3,084
Total Cases Entered	5,155	5,229	5,572	6,116
Decree Plans Made	406	444	451	406
Subdivision Plans Made	564	606	764	555
Total Plans Made	970	1,050	1,215	961
Total Appropriation	\$ 688,500.00	\$ 722,500.00	\$ 726,839.00	\$ 775,620.00
Fees Sent to State Treasurer	93,262.31	90,715.49	126,476.65	168,585.53
Income from Assurance Fund — Applicable to Expenses	17,721.66	14,292.12	12,446.26	14,889.49
Total Expenditures	684,152.04	664,002.90	682,631.80	759,102.00
Net Cost to Commonwealth	573,168.07	558,995.29	543,708.89	575,626.98
Claims Paid From Assurance Fund During Year	None	None	None	None
Assurance Fund (Close of Fiscal Year)	293,321.67	302,392.18	311,049.36	322,123.92
Assessed Value of Land on Petitions in Registration and Confirmation Cases Entered	\$15,101,063.18	\$7,744,448.42	\$9,330,394.60	\$6,302,011.00

CASES DISPOSED OF BY FINAL ORDER, DECREE OR JUDGMENT BEFORE HEARING

Land Registration	406	403	971	376*
Land Confirmation	36	30	29	43
Land Registration, Subsequent	1,223	1,255	1,617	1,690
Tax Lien	625	502	988**	783
Equity & Miscellaneous	1,815	2,062	2,050	1,855
Total Cases Disposed of	4,105	4,252	5,655	4,747

CASES PENDING BEFORE THE COURT AS OF JUNE 30, 1973

Land Registration	1,989
Tax Lien	2,568
Land Registration, Subsequent Petitions	None
Equity—Miscellaneous	***

*Includes 5 cases dismissed for lack of prosecution. In prior year, 578 cases were dismissed for this reason and under Rule 85.

**Includes 110 cases dismissed of which 50 were dismissed under Rule 85 and 60 dismissed for lack of prosecution.

***The Court is in the process of reviewing its Miscellaneous cases to establish a pending list. Dismissals, under Rule 85, were suspended by a suspension of Rule 85 by the Superior Court on May 1, 1972. The Land Court Rules have been amended (Land Court Rule VI) which allows the operation of Rule 85 regardless of Superior Court action and under this 3,048 Miscellaneous cases were dismissed this current year for inactivity.

PROBATE COURTS

The total of original entries including divorce increased about 1.4% from 126,158 in 1971 to 127,903 in 1972.

The total of divorce original entries increased about 5.1% from 19,974 in 1971 to 21,001 in 1972.

Among the five counties showing the largest number of entries, Middlesex and Suffolk Counties decreased, while Worcester, Essex, and Norfolk Counties increased in the number of original entries.

Original entries (including Divorce) for all counties, with divorce libels in ()

	1971	1972	1971 to 1972
Barnstable	3,067 (515)	3,462 (567)	+ 395 (+ 52)
Berkshire	2,753 (535)	2,972 (552)	+ 219 (+ 17)
Bristol	7,821 (1,762)	8,919 (1,697)	+1,098 (- 65)
Dukes	383 (47)	317 (49)	- 66 (+ 2)
Essex	13,213 (1,677)	13,615 (1,879)	+ 402 (+ 202)
Franklin	1,633 (273)	1,617 (311)	- 16 (+ 38)
Hampden	8,309 (2,001)	9,341 (1,970)	+1,032 (- 31)
Hampshire	2,209 (468)	2,292 (434)	+ 83 (- 34)
Middlesex	33,467 (4,492)	33,251 (4,506)	- 216 (+ 14)
Nantucket	182 (19)	219 (35)	+ 37 (+ 16)
Norfolk	12,550 (1,727)	12,812 (1,729)	+ 262 (+ 2)
Plymouth	7,913 (1,422)	8,005 (1,521)	+ 92 (+ 99)
Suffolk	18,560 (2,544)	16,470 (2,406)	-2,090 (- 138)
Worcester	14,098 (2,492)*	14,611 (3,345)	+ 513 (+ 854)
Totals	126,158 (19,974)*	127,903 (21,001)	+ 1,745 (+ 1,028)

*Please note correction of entry in divorce libel statistics for Worcester County in 16th Report. Correct figure (difference of 1) should read (2,492) making total divorce libels for 1971 19,974.

CIVIL BUSINESS STATISTICS—SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1973, AS REPORTED BY CLERKS OF SAID COURT

COUNTIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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1. Number on hand at first of year (7/1/72)	959	
2. Indictments returned	524	398
3. Appeal cases entered	853	302
4. Actions on bail bonds for recognizances entered	0	0
5. Disposed of in previous years — brought forward for redispotion . . .	34	0
6. Indictments waived	9	0
7. Complaints filed after waiver of indictment	0	1,420
8. Total	2,379	
9. Appeals withdrawn before sitting following entry	45	8
10. Appeals withdrawn after next sitting under G.L.c. 278 § 25	42	38
11. Appeals withdrawn during sitting*	50	3
12. Disposed of during year	968	1,105
13. Remaining at end of year	1,274	
14. Awaiting trial at end of year	858	
15. Trials during year by Superior Court justices	21	
16. Trials during year by District Court justices	89	
17. Days during which a Superior Court justice sat for trials, dispositions or redispotions	112	
18. Days during which a District Court justice sat in Superior Court	28	

*(In Suffolk County appeals in this category are included in the preceding classification.)

Five Counties with largest number of original entries (including divorce)

	1971	1972
Middlesex	33,467	33,251
Suffolk	18,560	16,470
Worcester	14,098	14,611
Essex	13,213	13,615
Norfolk	12,550	12,812

PETITIONS FOR ADOPTION

	Berkshire	Bristol	Essex	Hampden	Middlesex	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
1960	76	116	256	195	628	285	118	449	282
1971	109	243	453	404	1,168	535	358	537	653
1972	96	219	344	330	995	375	367	426	457

LIBELS FOR DIVORCE

	Berkshire	Bristol	Essex	Hampden	Middlesex	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
1960	239	659	658	1,048	1,644	595	476	1,611	866
1971	535	1,762	1,677	2,001	4,492	1,727	1,422	2,544	2,492
1972	552	1,697	1,879	1,970	4,506	1,729	1,521	2,406	3,345

Total libels for divorce filed in all fourteen counties:

1960	8,237
1971	19,974
1972	21,001

PETITIONS IN EQUITY

	Berkshire	Bristol	Essex	Hampden	Middlesex	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester
1960	23	18	25	47	69	52	24	95	53
1971	38	108	134	100	247	165	91	204	115
1972	40	99	152	124	250	153	103	154	89
1971 Total					1,331				
1972 Total					1,300				

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORTS OF THE REGISTERS

	Barnstable	Berkshire	Bristol	Dukes
Original entries (including divorce)	3,462	2,972	8,919	317
Administration allowed	163	210	592	26
Wills allowed	498	341	771	57
Guardianships (minor)	50	37	133	4
Guardianships (mentally ill)	10	11	23	0
Conservators Decrees	38	38	98	4
Accounts & Distribution Decrees	501	750	827	57
Trustees Decrees	55	28	61	3
Equity Decrees	27	26	63	1
Restraining Orders, etc. Decrees	39	16	38	0
Pro Confesso Decrees	0	3	17	0
Partitions	9	8	40	3
Real Estate Sales	132	93	478	17
Separate Support	8	34	347	0
Contempts and Modifications	3	8	70	0
Petitions Dismissed	25	23	292	0
Desertion and Living Apart (allowed)	0	5	6	0
Custody — Minors (allowed)	4	4	20	1
Divorce:				
Original entries	567	552	1,697	49
Decrees nisi	379	237	1,440	34
Decrees dismissed	33	38	150	1
Other Decrees & Orders (including modifications and contempts, etc.)	327	131	765	20
Dismissed under Rule 48	113	32	175	1
Adoptions	84	80	215	1

OF PROBATE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1972

Essex	Franklin	Hampden	Hampshire	Middlesex	Nantucket	Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk	Worcester	Totals
13,615	1,617	9,341	2,292	33,251	219	12,812	8,005	16,470	14,611	127,903
1,059	142	643	133	1,949	19	793	473	1,403	1,323	8,928
1,438	182	853	265	2,908	36	1,423	681	1,865	1,737	13,055
185	24	147	54	259	0	184	104	251	188	1,620
52	9	31	11	104	0	43	27	83	90	494
183	24	167	34	670	6	205	101	220	210	1,998
2,378	406	1,754	450	11,933	50	2,935	1,035	3,590	2,513	29,179
187	10	76	14	457	3	236	59	180	143	1,512
131	10	78	27	253	0	140	55	101	66	978
101	3	38	15	67	0	76	71	30	30	524
15	1	38	7	153	0	22	12	22	0	290
33	4	8	7	96	1	20	17	15	69	330
580	71	402	108	1,096	6	504	316	393	574	4,770
615	8	45	5	1,792	3	483	484	836	457	5,117
36	2	4	4	1,127	5	279	57	190	400	2,185
586	1	22	7	58	0	453	486	481	340	2,774
6	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	24
88	6	4	5	41	2	24	13	106	0	318
1,879	311	1,970	434	4,506	35	1,729	1,521	2,406	3,345	21,001
1,713	219	1,296	317	3,052	29	1,292	1,009	1,700	1,782	14,499
127	41	209	42	460	2	152	205	174	186	1,820
299	201	1,181	473	3,582	12	1,554	1,533	3,309	1,164	14,551
263	25	329	30	0	9	193	166	500	404	2,240
342	50	293	79	1,011	9	409	347	757	533	4,210

DISTRICT COURTS

The number of civil writs entered in the District Courts, exclusive of remand cases, decreased from 92,331 in 1972 to 76,155. In 1972, there were 12,323 civil cases tried; in 1973, 9,892.

The statistics on removals to and transfers from the Superior Court show decreases in removals, transfers, transfer cases tried and retr transfers.

	1972	1973	+ or -
Removals	6,371	4,260	- 2,111
Transfers	10,925	8,152	- 2,773
Transfers tried	3,057	2,916	- 141
Retransfers	1,104	905	- 199

Criminal cases begun continued their steady increase except in the categories listing drunkenness and narcotics.

Criminal cases begun	926,681	1,002,399	+ 75,718
Major categories:			
Drunkenness	62,660	62,532	- 128
Automobile	704,281	788,814	+ 84,533
Operating under influence	10,844	13,109	+ 2,265
Narcotics	23,208	15,940	- 7,268

Other comparisons follow:

Eviction cases entered	13,077	12,661	- 416
Eviction cases tried	5,050	4,294	- 756
Poor debtor cases	31,725	29,016	- 2,709
Small claims cases	98,887	90,718	- 8,169
Juvenile cases	35,094	32,117	- 2,977
Reciprocal support cases	4,417	2,809	- 1,608
Reciprocal support collections	\$3,871,496	\$4,145,678	+ \$274,182

BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT

The following civil and criminal statistics for two years are supplied in tabular form.

CIVIL

	1972	1973
Actions entered:		
Contract	22,336	20,187
Tort	5,305	2,951
Contract or tort	399	295
All others	868	755
Total actions entered	28,908	24,188
Actions removed to Superior Court:		
Contract	598	623
Tort	700	411
Contract or tort	33	58
All others	26	6
Total actions removed	1,357	1,098

Net entries after removals:

Contract	21,738	19,564
Tort	4,605	2,540
Contract or tort	366	237
All others	842	749
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Total	27,551	23,090
Transferred from Superior Court	2,192	1,656
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Total	29,743	24,746

Actions defaulted:

Contract	12,213	12,277
Tort	1,285	823
Contract or tort	111	69
All others	131	164
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Total	13,740	13,333

Trials:*

Contract	1,232	1,288
Tort	1,624	1,257
Contract or tort	214	46
All others	293	301
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Total	3,363	2,892

Plaintiffs' findings:**

Contract	1,047	999
Tort	928	608
Contract or tort	128	39
All others	157	152
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Total	2,260	1,798

Defendants' findings:**

Contract	87	98
Tort	170	157
Contract or tort	14	12
All others	146	92
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Total	417	359

APPELLATE DIVISION:

Reports allowed:

Contract	11	15
Tort	13	9
Contract or tort	2	3
All others	1	0
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Total	27	27

Reports disallowed:

Contract	0	0
Tort	0	2
Contract or tort	0	0
All others	0	0

Total	0	2
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Cases heard:

Contract	8	17
Tort	10	7
Contract or tort	0	3
All others	1	0

Total	19	27
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Cases affirmed:**

Contract	8	9
Tort	7	4
Contract or tort	2	3
All others	1	0

Total	18	16
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Cases reversed:**

Contract	0	3
Tort	2	1
Contract or tort	0	0
All others	0	0

Total	2	4
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Cases consolidated under G.L. c. 223, sec. 2:

Contract	36	58
Tort	87	55
Contract or tort	1	0
All others	0	1

Total	124	114
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Appeals to Supreme Judicial

Court perfected	0	3
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Appeals to Supreme Judicial

Court affirmed	0	4
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Appeals to Supreme Judicial

Court reversed	0	0
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Plaintiffs' judgments

By default:

Contract	13,890	13,350
Tort	554	396
Contract or tort	0	0
All others	42	87

Total	14,486	13,833
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After trial:

Contract	1,047	999
Tort	928	608
Contract or tort	128	39
All others	157	152
Total	2,260	1,798

By agreement:

Contract	1,005	787
Tort	937	740
Contract or tort	0	1
All others	0	0
Total	1,942	1,528

Defendants' judgments

By non-suit:

Contract	48	62
Tort	218	221
Contract or tort	7	13
All others	0	1
Total	273	297

After trial:

Contract	87	98
Tort	170	157
Contract or tort	14	12
All others	146	92
Total	417	359

By agreement:

Contract	35	0
Tort	34	1
Contract or tort	0	0
All Others	0	0
Total	69	1

Amount of plaintiffs' judgments:

Contract	\$10,419,504.85	\$11,225,817.52
Tort	650,873.93	713,459.42
Contract or tort	—	—
All others	27,634.53	98,782.37
Total	\$11,098,013.31	\$12,038,059.31

Average of plaintiffs' judgments:

Contract	\$653.59	\$556.09
Tort	269.07	241.76
Contract or tort	—	—
All others	138.86	130.83

Average of all judgments	\$593.85	\$497.69
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	(1972)	(1973)
*Remanded cases included in total tried.	639	492

**Some cases are heard before the reporting period and decided during the reporting period.

CRIMINAL

Complaints granted by the Court:

Automobile violations	5,214	8,145
Domestic relations	172	116
Drunkenness in court	2,743	1,932
Pedestrian violations	564	0
Other criminal cases	8,190	7,247

Total	16,883	17,440
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Not arrested, pending trial	2,095	4,966
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Trial by the Court:

Pleaded guilty	4,835	6,752
Pleaded not guilty	9,953	5,722

Total	14,788	12,474
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Disposition of complaints tried by the Court:

Placed on file dismissed, etc.	4,778	3,079
Defendants acquitted	1,203	1,154
Bound over to Grand Jury	392	551
Placed on Probation (not including surrenders)	2,497	2,288
Defendants fined	4,341	4,414
Fines appealed	182	215
Imprisonments	689	406
Imprisonments appealed	706	367
Pending for sentence	0	0

Total	14,788	12,474
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Search warrants issued	508	283
Inquests held	0	1
Drunkenness released by Probation Officer ..	5,477	4,873
Pedestrian control notices (J-Walking)	938	331
Rubbish disposal notices	0	1

1972

Parking Law Report		
Parking tags issued by police	847,899	
Court Complaints made		350,772
Defaulted	169,926	
Future Summonses	43,620	213,546
Total cases tried		137,226

1973

Parking Law Report		
Parking tags issued by police	957,598	
Court Complaints made		282,070
Defaulted	175,140	
Future Summonses	18,089	193,229
Total cases tried		88,841

1972

Pleaded guilty	125,863	
Pleaded not guilty	11,363	
Placed on file	5,402	
Probation	3	
Fines Paid	126,005	
Fines Appealed	4	
Defendants Acquitted	5,812	137,226

1973

Pleaded guilty	86,390	
Pleaded not guilty	2,451	
Placed on file	6,627	
Probation	0	
Fines Paid	80,156	
Fines Appealed	6	
Defendants Acquitted	2,052	88,841

Finances:

Received from parking tag office	\$2,428,893.63	\$2,767,120.14
Received from court fines, fees, forfeitures, etc.	1,101,186.00	1,080,482.00

Total:

Turned over to the Commonwealth and to the City of Boston	\$3,530,079.63	\$3,959,466.76
Received as bail by Court	30,380.00	50,965.00
Total Finances Handled by the Court	\$3,560,459.63	\$4,010,431.76

UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ACT G. L. C. 273A

	1971	1972	1973
Petitions initiated for petitioners residing in Boston (Initiating) . . .	20	47	19
Petitions received from other States (Responding)*	210	208	225
Total Petitions processed	230	255	244
Support payments collected by the Probation Department:			
For dependents residing in Boston (Initiating)	\$ 29,201.49	\$ 32,871.06	\$ 33,547.25
For dependents residing in other States (Responding)	98,903.17	98,894.70	88,078.85
Total collections	\$128,104.66	\$131,765.76	\$121,626.10

Collections decreased by \$6,478.56 from 1971 to 1973.

*(Petitions forwarded here in error - transferred or re-directed to other Courts: 1971, 131 petitions; 1972, 165 petitions; 1973, 145 petitions.)

BOSTON HOUSING COURT

The total number of original entries for the period running from May 1, 1973 to April 30, 1974, was 7255, with 5710 cases heard and closed; there are 1545 open cases. The clerk's office heard and disposed of 3495 matters dealing with the issuance of warrants seeking the removal of either gas or electric meters. A specific breakdown of the cases by legal category follows.:

CRIMINAL CASES

New Entries: 4708
Open Cases: 999
Heard & Closed: . . . 3709

LAW CASES

New Entries: 252
Open Cases: 225
Heard & Closed . . . 27

SUMMARY PROCESS CASES

New Entries: 1249
Open Cases: 111
Heard & Closed: . . . 1138

EQUITY CASES

New Entries: 1046
Open Cases: 210
Heard & Closed . . . 836

SUMMARY OF ALL CASES

New Entries: 7255
Open Cases: 1545
Heard & Closed: . . . 5710

BOSTON JUVENILE COURT

Comparative statistics of the court for two years follow:

		COMPLAINTS			
		1972		1973	
Juvenile:					
Boys		85		105	
Girls		—	85	25	130
Delinquent:					
Boys		1,779		1,850	
Girls		616	2,395	633	2,483
Adult:					
Men		13		19	
Women		8	21	2	21
Children in need of care and protection	(81)	63	63	(68)	45
Totals			2,564		2,679
Judicial Determinations: hearings*			10,561		11,599
Pending cases:					
Juvenile:					
Boys	(665)		927	(828)	1,223
Girls	(303)		363	(359)	398
			1,290		1,621
Adults:					
Men	(13)		17	(12)	19
Women	(6)		8	(7)	9
			25		28
Children in need of care and protection	(109)		60	(114)	64
Totals			1,375		1,713

*(Judicial Determinations include all matters concerning all cases that are brought for decision before the Justice of the Court; findings, dispositions, orders and all changes in cases, such as custody arraignments, surrenders and continuances for case records.)

In the above table complaints in the various categories are stated and totalled. Individuals appear in ().

BRISTOL COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

January 16, 1973 to June 30, 1973

COMPLAINTS

Juvenile:

Boys	0	
Girls	0	

Delinquent:

Boys	1,110	
Girls	315	1,425

Adult:

Men	0	
Women	0	

Children in need of

care and protection	0	
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Totals		1,425
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Judicial Determinations:

hearings*		5,984
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Pending cases:

Juvenile:

Boys	(410)	630	
Girls	(145)	175	805

Adult

Men	0	
Women	0	

Children in need of care

and protection	0	
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Totals		805
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*(Judicial Determinations include all matters concerning all cases that are brought for decision before the Justice of the Court; findings, dispositions, orders, and all changes in cases, such as custody arraignments, surrenders and continuances for case records.)

In the above table complaints in the various categories are stated and totalled. Individuals appear in ().

SPRINGFIELD JUVENILE COURT

Comparative statistics of the court for two years follow:

		COMPLAINTS			
		1972		1973	
Juvenile:					
Boys		36		36	
Girls		—	36	—	36
Delinquent:					
Boys		1,503		1,348	
Girls		273	1,776	192	1,540
Adult:					
Men		8		44	
Women		11	19	24	68
Children in need of care and protection	(52)	20	20	(64)	30
Totals			1,851		1,675
Judicial Determinations: hearings*			7,323		7,568
Pending cases:					
Juvenile:					
Boys	(436)	721		(434)	772
Girls	(113)	131	852	(101)	114
Adults:					
Men	(2)	2		(1)	1
Women	(14)	14	16	(2)	2
Children in need of care and protection	(22)	10	10	(48)	16
Totals			878		905

*(Judicial Determinations include all matters concerning all cases that are brought for decision before the Justice of the Court; findings, dispositions, orders, and all changes in cases, such as custody arraignments, surrenders and continuances for case records.)

In the above table complaints in the various categories are stated and totalled. Individuals appear in ().

WORCESTER JUVENILE COURT

Comparative statistics of the court for two years follow:

		COMPLAINTS			
		1972		1973	
Juvenile:					
Boys		17		16	
Girls		—	17	—	16
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Delinquent:					
Boys		1,274		1,187	
Girls		384	1,658	407	1,594
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Adult:					
Men		0		2	
Women		2	2	12	14
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
Children in need of care and protection		169	169	179	179
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
Totals			1,846		1,803
Judicial Determinations:					
hearings*			7,197		7,758
Pending cases:					
Juvenile:					
Boys	(414)	616		518	
Girls	(145)	161	777	158	676
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Adults:					
Men		0		3	
Women	(2)	2	2	11	14
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Children in need of care and protection	(63)	169	169	90	90
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Totals			915		780

*(Judicial Determinations include all matters concerning all cases that are brought for decision before the Justice of the Court; findings, dispositions, orders, and all changes in cases, such as custody arraignments, surrenders and continuances for case records.)

In the above table complaints in the various categories are stated and totalled. Individuals appear in ().

STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT COURTS OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1973 AS REPORTED BY THE CLERKS OF SAID COURTS

Compiled by the office of the Chief Justice of the District Courts

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35		
DISTRICT COURTS arranged in accordance with 1970 CENSUS		Total Civil Writs Entered	Trials Less Summary Process	Summary Process Entered (Included in Column 1)	Summary Process Tried	Removals to Superior Court	Reported to Appellate Divisions	Reported to Supreme Judicial Court	Supplementary Process Entered	Small Claims Entered	Total Criminal Complaints (except Parking Complaints)	Narcotics – Harmful Drugs, etc.	Drunkenness	Gaming and/or Lottery Cases	Operating Under Influence of Intoxicating Liquor	Operating Under Influence of Drugs	Operating so as to Endanger	Using Without Authority and Larceny of Motor Vehicle	All Other Motor Vehicle Complaints (except Parking)	Criminal Parking Complaints	Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Complaints	All Other Juvenile Complaints	Neglected Children	Parking Tickets Returned	Commitments of Mentally Ill	Neglect of Family Non-Support		Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act G.L.C. 273A		Remand or Transfer Cases Acts 1958, C. 369							
																											Number of New Cases	Amount of Money Collected	Cases Initiated	Cases Received from Other States	Amount of Money Collected	Cases Received	Tried	Retransferred to Su- perior Court after Trial	Dispositions: Agreements, Trials, Defaults, Nonsuits, Dismissals, Settlements, etc.	Pending		
1	Central Worcester	4,744	318	712	151	143	6	0	1,601	3,656	40,028	658	4,623	15	397	2	167	217	26,597	23,836	835	0	0	0	88,759	53	22	46,683.30	17	65	154,950.58	1,002	155	86	1,395	2,102	1	
2	Springfield	4,814	1,016	655	125	283	1	1	1,775	5,784	32,022	969	2,405	106	390	5	237	198	21,590	45,198	658	0	0	0	109,988	484	205	457,295.74	55	100	265,236.32	505	94	60	345	449	2	
3	East Norfolk, Quincy	4,731	620	399	138	177	5	1	1,183	2,584	19,813	812	2,778	52	587	10	354	114	12,533	1,214	473	100	1,435	12	30	87,418.43	57	29	153,641.85	503	80	38	537	493	3			
4	1st Eastern Middlesex, Malden	4,117	421	389	307	275	0	0	1,298	2,694	13,600	431	1,271	20	353	17	184	180	8,422	23,653	496	50	1,072	24	35	92,358	35	42	181,612.43	21	29	108,054.16	317	253	30	282	313	4
5	Lowell	2,855	530	633	112	120	1	0	755	7,725	14,113	184	3,561	59	374	5	148	53	5,780	1,381	620	50	1,348	32	17,597	113	166	483,777.93	37	31	137,017.19	326	90	15	237	475	5	
6	3rd East, Middlesex, Cambridge	3,542	425	347	56	218	2	3	759	2,638	15,937	302	2,196	27	164	7	126	110	10,147	39,818	488	10	769	11	263,625	97	114	81,859.11	19	22	132,398.76	262	99	50	107	411	6	
7	Dorchester	2,924	456	1,269	168	155	4	1	2,008	2,378	13,701	329	1,768	27	332	3	368	248	6,395	6,459	330	103	1,481	27	69,200	22	222	450,442.16	52	58	108,538.51	301	340	54	1,171	986	7	
8	Southern Essex, Lynn	1,782	277	213	110	77	10	1	659	2,004	12,825	555	2,054	61	255	10	191	106	7,692	8,610	518	23	782	5	38,979	6	10	61,511.92	21	32	58,979.08	103	56	6	142	154	8	
9	4th East, Middlesex, Woburn	2,007	297	120	46	175	3	0	1,092	2,056	11,634	383	1,355	21	278	4	127	91	7,708	325	401	64	732	0	4,484	36	26	161,907.27	13	13	131,702.39	237	42	23	236	58	9	
10	Third Bristol, New Bedford	2,210	247	400	200	126	3	0	318	4,248	12,921	673	1,733	127	276	2	218	77	5,556	6,077	239	70	871	0	41,436	77	64	92,698.39	23	33	112,543.03	129	31	13	133	241	10	
11	Northern Norfolk, Dedham	1,693	164	95	19	126	6	0	826	1,167	8,510	134	611	1	198	3	304	52	6,346	0	224	39	614	0	9,868	68	5	33,958.63	13	16	90,263.77	219	53	30	242	111	11	
12	Lawrence	1,752	299	326	104	119	2	0	336	1,329	8,555	382	1,844	48	391	16	114	408	3,514	2,941	404	20	630	26	24,647	137	107	103,047.20	13	16	78,129.57	98	11	4	60	99	12	
13	Second Bristol, Fall River	1,420	109	245	75	88	1	0	270	1,480	11,916	574	1,165	63	213	10	606	61	6,916	11,917	105	51	1,221	12	86,444	49	3	35,095.44	33	29	61,290.85	101	16	8	109	380	13	
14	West Roxbury	1,278	255	447	215	63	1	0	852	1,403	8,910	397	1,082	12	233	4	236	220	3,330	5,979	161	27	605	4	35,250	101	466	113,892.05	59	47	98,815.41	99	54	11	83	129	14	
15	First Essex, Salem	1,692	367	201	140	114	0	0	415	1,342	8,917	313	1,025	6	259	3	152	59	5,094	1,595	125	18	499	6	20,167	37	51	164,532.12	56	26	88,108.74	0	4	2	16	111	15	
16	1st So. Middlesex, Framingham	1,638	86	215	46	161	3	0	821	1,928	16,234	556	647	13	343	2	225	71	12,254	366	288	66	648	14	5,383	49	252	222,270.34	22	28	112,976.06	185	33	14	178	45	16	
17	Brockton	2,231	272	454	155	154	0	0	781	1,960	13,040	440	2,253	22	492	13	328	99	5,888	6,243	411	75	1,071	23	20,338	445	45	466,907.05	30	15	102,024.89	62	25	11	104	338	17	
18	Hampshire, Northampton	632	66	104	39	26	3	0	90	1,567	9,431	300	1,043	9	375	9	269	79	5,889	2,586	437	35	369	8	73,773	303	51	75,024.06	24	27	52,107.66	33	19	8	55	16	18	
19	2nd Plymouth, Hingham	1,048	185	89	41	53	2	0	391	1,325	11,442	301	869	0	342	10	315	69	7,473	1,496	528	45	880	3	2,402	31	71	248,515.40	49	21	104,505.67	31	29	4	43	48	19	
20	2nd East, Middlesex, Waltham	2,648	239	137	73	126	2	0	453	1,481	18,711	231	1,448	11	274	8	184	52	12,686	5,875	618	24	363	3	56,183	116	8	34,096.04	7	15	49,774.80	212	65	28	148	137	20	
21	Central Middlesex, Concord	917	109	49	19	44	2	1	222	892	14,601	267	614	0	294	5	296	55	11,799	2,257	360	60	554	2	7,164	7	8	68,090.15	19	15	70,975.50							

